# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
# LOK SABHA

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Promotion of Bodybuilding
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that bodybuilding has gained a lot of popularity amongst youngsters in recent years in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of private and Government controlled gymnasiums operational in Delhi having certification from recognised organization;
(c) the details of support extended by the Government to the gymnasiums to bring in professionalisms in bodybuilding by hiring professionals for specialized training;
(d) whether the government gives any awards to the bodybuilders for their outstanding performance, and if so, the details thereof an if not, the reasons therefor; and
(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote/encourage bodybuilding amongst the youth in the country?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) to (e) Madam, Promotion and development of a sports discipline is the responsibility of the National Sports Federation concerned. Government provides financial assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to recognized National Sports Federations only and not to any Gymnasiums. However, Gymnasium facility is provided to the athletes at the National Coaching Camps under the supervision of Coaches/Experts.
During the past, Arjuna Award was conferred on three bodybuilders namely (i) Shri Moly Roy during 1978-79, (ii) Shri Sunil Kumar Patra during 1979-80 and (iii) Shri Prem Chand during 1980.
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